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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Byron Peterson, 29, Lac du Flambeau, Wis., was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Madison yesterday to 18 months in prison and ordered to serve a three-year term of supervised release upon his release from custody.

Peterson previously pleaded guilty to possessing crack cocaine with the intent to distribute. At sentencing, Byron Peterson specifically thanked the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police for arresting him and for helping him turn his life around.

The charge against the defendant was the result of an investigation conducted by the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police, the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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